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From the Manager's Desk by Katelyn Wells

Expansion of HPV WyVIP Approval

We are pleased to announce that WyVIP will be expanding the age eligibility criteria for the HPV vaccine to include females 9-18 years of age. This eligibility criterion will begin immediately; however we will not announce to the public until April. We hope this will give you ample time to utilize private stock HPV vaccine and order enough WyVIP HPV vaccine to meet the demands that may arise once the public is advised. We would like to mention that this expanded age criteria could possibly be temporary and is fully dependent on funding. It is possible in the future if funding is not ample, WyVIP may have to tier the eligibility once again.

Reminders:

- According to WyVIP policy, out of state residents that have insurance or are underinsured (at a private physician or PHN office) may not receive WyVIP vaccine. However, Underinsured out of state residents may receive WyVIP vaccine at a Rural Health Center or a Federally Qualified Health Center.
- According to WyVIP policy, once a child turns 19 they are no longer eligible for WyVIP Vaccine. They must privately purchase the vaccine from your private stock.

Monthly Teleconference with Dr. Sherard

We would like to clarify an issue about the WIP monthly teleconferences with Dr. Sherard. Although we highly recommend that someone from your office participate in the teleconferences because of the relevant and useful information, these should not be confused as required educational conferences that one participates in before receiving WyVIP vaccine (i.e. when you join the WyVIP program). WIP teleconferences are recommended but not required. We will always notify you if and when you are required to participate in any educational or programmatic teleconferences or meetings. We apologize for any confusion on this issue

Changes in Vaccine ordering and Receiving

Due to changes in the federal vaccine distribution program that provides WyVIP vaccine, we are experiencing internal changes that are "supposed" to be un-noticeable to you, the providers. However, we are experiencing issues in supply and shipping that may have caused delays in you receiving vaccine within the 10 business day guideline. Therefore, please read page 6 on how to figure "How Much Vaccine to Order" and "Updates from Vaccine Office" on page 10 regarding updates to ease the transition.



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School House Rocks!

March and April Events & Trainings

by Andrea Clement-Johnson



American Association of School Administrators-2007 National Conference on Education

March 1-4, 2007

Ernest N. Moril Convention Center-New Orleans

Exhibitor Information- For more information about exhibit space, please contact Kim Schellinger at 703-875-0717 or kschellinger@aasa.org.

For more information about the conference, visit www.aasa.org/nce/

41st National Immunization Conference

Dates: March 5-8, 2007

Location: Kansas City Marriott Downtown, Kansas City, MO

Website: <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/nic/>

National Managed Health Care Congress (NMHCC) Annual Conference

March 5-7, 2007-Cobb Galleria Centre-Atlanta, GA

Exhibitor Information

To learn more about exhibiting opportunities, please complete click on the following link <http://www.iirusa.com/nmhcc/5298.xml> and complete the form or contact Adam DeSimone at 212-661-3500 ext. 3096 or ADeSimone@iirusa.com

For more information about the conference, visit www.iirusa.com/nmhcc/5285.xml

3/10/07-STD/HIV Awareness Day

March WIP Monthly Teleconference w/Dr. Sherard

Wednesday, March 21, 12:15-1:30 p.m. Call-in 877-278-8686,

Participant ID 658125

4/10/2007-Wyoming Vaccine Advisory Board Meeting w/Dr. Sherard, 9:00-Noon

April WIP Monthly Teleconference w/Dr. Sherard

Wednesday, April 18, 12:15-1:30 p.m. Call-in 877-278-8686,

Participant ID 658125

National Infant Immunization Week-April 23-27

Email as a Method of Communication-by Andrea Clement-Johnson

Hello Providers. We wanted to take a moment to let you know that we will now be using e-mail as a common means of communication. We will use this mechanism for sending you important updates, newsletters and other information that is important to you as it comes into our office. We will also continue to use phone calls, fax, our website and regular mail, too, since we know that not everyone has an email address. However, we hope that you will check and use your email in communication with us to ensure that we all have a speedy method of communication.

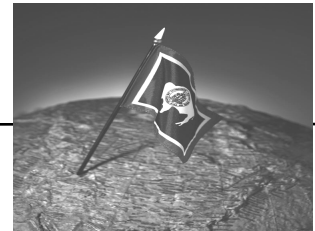
The email that we currently have on file for your office is something we have gathered from the enrollment form we have on file and/or in recent phone conversations with you. We know from our attempts to send some of you email in the past that we may have an incorrect address on file. We would appreciate it very much if you could call Lily Valdez, Vaccine Clerk, at 307-777-8503, if you have an email address that has recently been changed or that you prefer for receiving our communication. Once again, we will continue to use other methods to communicate with you, but we truly believe that email will be a valuable and speedy means of communicating between all offices. Thanks in advance for your assistance!

March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Orders due by 5:00 p.m.	2 Monthly Reports due	3
4	5 Orders due by 5:00 p.m.	6	7	8 Orders due by 5:00 p.m.	9	10
11	12 Orders due by 5:00 p.m.	13	14	15 Orders due by 5:00 p.m.	16	17
18	19 Orders due by 5:00 p.m.	20	21 WIP Monthly Tele- conference	22 Orders due by 5:00 p.m.	23	24
25	26 Orders due by 5:00 p.m.	27	28	29 Orders due by 5:00 p.m.	30	31

March Schedule of Events

- ☺ **March 2:** Monthly Reports due
 - Doses Administered
 - Inventory Form
 - Temperature Logs
 - Orders due, 5:00 p.m.
- ☺ **March 1/8/15/22/29:** Orders due, 5:00 p.m.
- ☺ **March 5/12/19/26:** Orders due, 5:00 p.m.
- ☺ **WIP Monthly Teleconference:**
March 21: 12:15-1:30
- ☺



April 2007

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April Schedule of Events

- ☺ **April 3:** Monthly Reports due
 - Doses Administered
 - Inventory Form
 - Temperature Logs
 - Orders due, 5:00 p.m.
- ☺ **April 2/9/16/23/30:** Orders due, 5:00 p.m.
- ☺ **April 5/12/19/26:** Orders due, 5:00 p.m.
- ☺ **WIP Monthly Teleconference:**
April 18: 12:15-1:30
- ☺

Notes from the Road -by Joanna Briggs, RN-Clinical Coordinator

Busy time in the immunization world!

1. In this year's review process we will be adding two more questions to the questionnaire of the last two years. Some of you might remember these from the past but wanted to be sure all of you were prepared when your visit occurs. Those questions will be:

Do you screen each child at each visit prior to injections?

"Every person who administers vaccines should screen every patient for contraindications and precautions before giving the vaccine dose." Effective screening is not difficult or complicated and can be accomplished with just a few questions. On page 25 of the Pink Book are sample questions and what information you are hoping to hear if there is a concern before today's vaccinations are given. A sample screening questionnaire is on the website at www.immunizewyoming.com for your use.

Do you have emergency equipment available if needed to medically manage a vaccine reaction?

All vaccines have the potential to cause an adverse reaction. In order to minimize adverse reactions, patients should be carefully screened (#1 above) for precautions and contraindications before vaccine is administered. Even with careful screening, reactions may occur. These reactions can vary from trivial and inconvenient (e.g. soreness, itching) to severe and life threatening (e.g. anaphylaxis). If reactions occur, staff should be prepared with procedures for their management. Complete listings of suggested items are found in your Tool Kit, in the Clinical Services Manual following Guide to Contraindications to Vaccinations near the back.

2. Another addition to our visit will be the photographing of your refrigerator and the storage area each of you are able to maintain. It is hoped this will be of benefit for those who are not visiting your location and given a better understanding of what you are able to maintain in each of your offices.


3. In our effort at WyVIP to get you the needed information on changes and updates, we are starting to use e-mail for notices. The e-mail submitted in your enrollment packet will be the address used unless you notify us of a change. For those of you not having e-mail access, the notices will be faxed. We ask that you regularly check your e-mail and if there is something you are waiting for, then maybe check it more frequently. Hopefully this will save everyone time. When I have vaccine information to share that requires immediate action, this will be highlighted as **urgent**.

OF SPECIAL NOTE: I will be attending the NIC all next week and that I will be periodically checking my messages and returning your calls.



RotaTeq® AAP Recommendations

By Joanna Briggs, RN-Clinical Coordinator


Clinical Corner
by Joanna Briggs, RN

RotaTeq®

As an addendum to the attached CDC information regarding intussusception and RotaTeq® Vaccine that was released on February 14, 2007 the American Academy of Pediatrics has released further direction and recommendations. They are as follows:

"According to the FDA, approximately 3.5 million doses of RotaTeq® were distributed in the United States as of February 1, 2007. Intussusception can occur spontaneously in the absence of vaccination and its cause is usually unknown. Of the 28 reported cases of intussusception, it is not known how many, if any, were vaccine-related. Yesterday, Merck updated the RotaTeq® label and Patient Product Information to include the post-marketing reports of intussusception and/or hematochezia.

However, the "number of intussusception cases reported to date after RotaTeq® administration does not exceed the number expected based on background rates of 18-43 per 100,000 per year for an unvaccinated population of children ages 6 to 35 weeks (CDC, unpublished data)."

AAP Recommendations:

1. Members are encouraged to report any cases of intussusception and/or hematochezia that may be associated with the use of RotaTeq® to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS). You can report online at www.vaers.hhs.gov or call 1-800-822-7967.

2. Parents should be told to contact their pediatricians immediately if the child has stomach pain, vomiting, diarrhea, blood in their stool or change in their bowel movements, as these may be signs of intussusception. The FDA notes "it is important to contact the child's doctor if there are any questions or if the child has any of these symptoms at any time after vaccination, even if it has been several weeks since the last vaccine dose."

CDC and Merck will continue to evaluate the VAERS data and other post-marketing studies. Membership will be updated as information becomes available.

All that said, keep in mind:

Intussusception is a complication of rotavirus disease

Intussusception might be a side effect of having had RotaTeq vaccine.

90% of rotavirus disease in this country is caused by 5 strains (G1, G2, G3, G4 & P1A).

RotaTeq® covers the 5 most frequent strains of rotavirus causing disease in this country.

To have rotavirus disease produce active immunity, you must have contacted the same viruses 3 times.

You need to have 3 doses of RotaTeq® before immunity is achieved to the 5 common strains in this country.

All doses must be administered prior to 32 weeks.



World of the Vaccine Office

How to Figure How Much Vaccine to Order-By Brenda J. Warburton-Smith

* First you find the total amount of doses used in the previous month (in this case take February's usage for a March order) for each vaccine that you will be ordering. Take that number and double it, this is the number of doses you should have in your inventory.

* Second you add the number from step one to the number of doses you have on hand. If that number greatly exceeds the number from step one you will have to reduce the amount of your order and if that number is below the number from step one you should increase your order amount.

Examples:

25 doses of DTAP were administered during the month of February, $25 \times 2 = 50$ and you have "0" doses on hand. It would be appropriate to order "50" doses. Even if you were to have 10-20" doses on hand you could still order the "50" doses.

25 doses of DTAP were administered during the month of February, $25 \times 2 = 50$ and you have "90" doses on hand. It would not be necessary to order DTAP at all.

25 doses of DTAP were administered during the month of February, $25 \times 2 = 50$ and you have "40" doses on hand. You would need to **decrease** order to "10" doses".

Of course situations come up such as clinics, school requirements, catch-up vaccinations, etc. In this case you need to make it clear on your order form the reason for requesting an increased order amount.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DUE TO THE CHANGE THAT WE WILL BE MAKING IN DISTRIBUTORS, INSTEAD OF A TWO MONTH SUPPLY WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU KEEP A THREE MONTH SUPPLY ON HAND. IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO YET, PLEASE DO SO IN YOUR NEXT ORDER WHICH WILL BE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY. FOR ANY ORDERS I HAVE RECEIVED THAT HAVE NOT BEEN SENT IN FOR SHIPPING, I AM USING THE ABOVE FORMULA X3 INSTEAD OF X2. PLEASE USE THE FORMULA WITH X3 IN YOUR NEXT ORDER. THIS MAY ALSO HAPPEN FOR ORDERS SENT TO US IN APRIL; WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED, IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN A 3 MONTH SUPPLY OF VACCINE ALREADY, PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN AN ORDER FOR MARCH.

DT-By Brenda J. Warburton-Smith

At this time orders for DT are only to be filled if a provider actually has a patient who needs the DT and can not have DTAP. If you are a provider who actually gets DT you will then become responsible for sending the DT to the next provider needing this vaccine. Please note on your order forms that you have patient who is actually in need of the DT vaccine so that we may make the proper arrangements for the DT to be sent to the provider in need. This way of ordering DT may change in the future but for now this is the policy on ordering DT.

Cold Chain Issues-By Brenda J. Warburton-Smith

Please contact me with any "Cold Chain Issues" and I will determine whether the vaccine is viable or if I need more guidance from manufacturer to determine viability.

Please put the vaccine in question in a brown paper bag and mark "do not use" until a decision can be made. New policies and procedures regard the "Cold Chain" will be coming in the next issue of the newsletter.

Also please be advised that with the implantation of the new policies, procedures and the change in distributors it will take longer to get your orders to you.

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- Vaccine order form request
- Receipt of vaccine orders
- Anticipated vaccine shipment date
- Vaccine currently available
- Expired/compromised vaccine
- Vaccine returns/transfers
- Flu allocations

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- WyVIP program comments/complaints
- Staff comments/complaints
- Questions from the public (parents, school nurses, etc.) regarding WyVIP vaccine

Vaccine Manufacturers

GlaxoSmithKline

833-475-8222
www.gsk.com

Lawless Barrientos

303-877-0929

Merck

800-637-2579

www.merck.com

Kathy Parrish

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Sanofi Pasteur

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vaccineshoppe.com

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- CPT Coding



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- To request or verify receipt of the following forms:
 - * WyVIP Enrollment Packets
 - * WyVIP Provider Agreements
 - * WyVIP Policy & Procedure Packets
 - * Doses Administered Reports
 - * Inventory Reports
 - * Temperature Logs
 - * Vaccine Arrival Reports
- WyVIP policies and procedures, including:
 - * Reporting requirements
 - * Eligibility requirements
 - * Non-compliance memos
 - * Incentive Program
 - * Withdrawal from WyVIP Program

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- WylR program comments/complaints
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- Program comments/complaints
- Program staff comments/complaints
- Program questions

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Contact Joanna for 2007 Outreach Visits

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Contact for the following:

- To be transferred to the appropriate WIP staff member
- To request, verify receipt or processing of the following:
 - * Literature/material order requests
 - * School nurse registry enrollment packet
 - * Flu marketing materials
 - * Flu clinic website registration forms
- Website questions

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- Program Manager comments/complaints

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- WyVIP Approved Vaccine Schedules
- ACIP Recommended Schedules
- Dosing by Vaccine Brand/Type
- Vaccine Administration Procedure
- Vaccine Contraindications
- Vaccine Adverse Events
- OSHA and JACO Standards
- Nursing Terminology/Abbreviations



Official School Immunization Records

-By Andrea Clement-Johnson

We have recently received a few calls from school nurses regarding which "official" forms can be used for filing immunization records. Specifically, can the records that are printed out from the registry be used OR can only the yellow, traditional forms be used? The present answer is that both may be kept on file as a record, however, it is important to note that if you are filing records received off of the registry, they must be accurate and complete. The record is not sufficient if any immunizations are missing from the registry form when they have actually been administered but have not been entered into the registry.

We hope that this helps resolve any confusion. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any additional questions about this or any other issue.

THANKS!

WyVIP Education and Outreach Program

Updates for Tool kits:

By Andrea Clement-Johnson

Please note that there are five inserts in this newsletter to be included in your tool kits. These are:

- [Updated HPV VIS](#)
- [Updated Doses Administered Form](#)
- [Updated Vaccine Available Form](#)
- [Celsius Temperature Log](#)
- [Screening Questionnaire](#)

The first four forms belong in the Vaccine Manual. The last belongs in your Clinical Manual. Please remove any old versions and update your manuals. In addition, we have started to send out tabs for use in dividing all the sections of your manuals. Please add them to aid your reading the manuals and call Andrea if you need guidance as to the location of any given section divider. If you do not receive tabs in this newsletter, you will receive them next month. THANKS!



*Additional Information about the Incentive Award Program only for PHN offices

WyVIP was instructed to no longer provide incentives to the Public Health Nurses. If you have any questions please refer them to Donna Griffin, 307-777-6360.



Get WylR'd! by John Anderson

Historical Records

We have hired on two new staff members in anticipation of receiving more historical immunization records from providers. If your staff has experienced an Advantage Visit in which the records were not present upon the WylR, they know how lengthy the review can be. If we were able to input the records for your office, the review would go much faster. If your office has recently developed an interface and would like to have the "pre-WylR" records input, we can help. If the records are available to providers in the WylR, tools are available that can help increase each facilities immunization rates (i.e., increased visits). Recently, Fremont Pediatric Clinic in Lander and Alpha Family Medicine in Cheyenne delivered "boxloads" of records to the WylR. Once entered into the WylR, we

review the records for Quality Assurance purposes and notify offices once completed. Please contact us and let us know how we can help.

Looking at Developing Interfaces

In addition to inputting historical records, we would like to assist all providers with the management of the immunization process. If you have an electronic records system and would like to automate the transferring of records from your system to the State, interface development between your electronic records system and the WylR is a possibility. Additionally, the interface may be able to assist the management of your immunization inventory. Please let us know if you are interested and we will forward the information to our software vendor for follow-up.

Tandberg See & Share

It is here! Randy & I recently went through a quick overview of the program, and we are excited regarding the possibilities. With this program, we can send an invitation via email to interested parties, and they can then log onto the meeting and view what we present on our computer. Imagine, regularly schedule meetings for training on Mass Immunizations, First Responder, or basic Registry improvements! Our plan is to still get out and meet each new office in person, but for established offices that have additional training needs, we expect to get a lot of use out of this program. We look forward to the implementation of interactive distance training in the very near future.

Recent Internet Outage Demonstrates the Need for an Office's Data Backup Plan

From a 02/06/07 email from the Department of Administration & Information:

"This is an update on the condition of our wide area network. For the past several days our border firewall has periodically suspended internet traffic anywhere from a few seconds to a few minutes. These intermittent outages were related to a redundant failover feature in the firewall that was not working correctly. On Monday (02/05/07), we lost service completely at approximately 10:00 a.m. That outage lasted most of the day, with service restored in stages between 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Adjustments made to our system Monday evening improved performance but we do not have the problem completely resolved (this morning we experienced a 35 minute outage between 9:42 a.m. and 10:17 a.m.) The manufacturer of our firewall appliance has had an engineering team on line with our technical team continuously during the past 24 hours. As they continue to gather data and diagnose the problem we are prepared to effect any changes they recommend. In short, we are 'better' but not completely fixed yet...(W)e apologize for the inconvenience caused, and thank all of you for your patience."

Unfortunately, when the wide area network goes down, so does the Wyoming Immunization Registry. I apologize for the downtime, and do appreciate your understanding as well. While the Internet has been down a bit more of late than usual, it is still a very rare occurrence. It does however underscore the necessity

Get WylR'd! (Continued)

of data back-up procedures, such as the **Patient Detail Report** (see *Section 6.3 – Data Backup Procedure in your IWeb Application User Guide*). With this report completed monthly, there should always be access to the most recent Immunization Records for your patients. If you would like further assistance in this process, please feel free to contact the WylR Help Desk at your convenience at 1(800) 599-9754.

Where's Randy? By Randy DeBerry, MA, Registry Trainer

Hello everyone. February was a busy month with me traveling over 1,300 miles setting up new WylR users in both Cody and Alpine. The highlight of the trip for me was finally being given the opportunity to see the Teton Mountains just north of Jackson. Although I have lived in Wyoming for just under three years, if you add up my two residential stints in the state, I was never able to see the northwest portion of the state. It was truly magnificent.

Info for Public Health Nursing Offices:

Flu Dosing

Our Clinical Coordinator, Joanna Briggs, RN, recently fielded a question from a PHN Office. In particular, she was asked if PHN Offices should input their flu clinic information into the WylR. In previous years, there had been no definitive answer regarding this question. It was made clear in discussions earlier this year that there has been some confusion as to how to properly record the multi-dose vial of flu vaccine in the WylR. I recently witnessed first hand a "eureka" moment when Andy Yocum, our IT guru with the Department of Health, devised the following scheme for the allocation of different doses within a multi-dose vial:

Let's say that you have in hand a multi-dose vial of flu vaccine with a Lot Number of U12345. Within the WylR, you have the ability to break out the vial by recording two separate Lot Numbers for that one vial. For the Children 6-35 months of age, record the vaccine under "Influenza Split, 6 – 35 mos." and assign it a Lot Number of "U12345-.25." For the Children and other over 36 months of age, record the vaccine as "Influenza Split, 36 mos. & older," with a Lot Number of "U12345-.50." This way, when you go to provide the vaccine, you can choose from the same virtual Lot Number without having to guess which dose goes with which Lot Number. When inputting in the number of doses for each lot number given while adding the vaccine to your inventory, over estimate, so that if you give all of the doses to a particular age range, you will be covered.

After the Flu Clinic, or at the end of the month, you can go into the Lot Number Reconciliation Screen and reconcile accordingly and accurately. With the two separate numbers under the same Lot Number, our Vaccine Clerk at the State will be able to determine which vial was actually used, and we will be able to order more accurately as well.

Mass Immunizations

In order to make it easier to enter the Flu Doses administered at the Flu Clinics, the Mass Immunization Module may be the preferred method of data entry. Once logged into the module, you simply search for a patient using the first name or initial, last name or initial, and birth date. Once you select the patient generated from a search list, you have the option to either update the patient's demographic information, or ignore it. After scrolling to the bottom of the screen, there are options to select the vaccine for a patient or a contraindication. Prior to the clinic, under settings, the Mass Immunization administrator must set up the vaccines that are to be given at the clinic. Once they are set up, they automatically populate the manufacturer and lot number fields next to the vaccine option. In summary, here are the benefits of using the Mass Immunization Module:

1. Less time searching for patient
2. Less time adding vaccination information

3. More accuracy in adding doses administered

It would be ideal to have a laptop available and connected to the Internet at the time of the clinic; that way, a "live" search could be conducted on patients prior to vaccination. We expect to have a CD Rom Training available by the end of April from our software vendor, STC. Also, the WylR staff would be willing to conduct more interactive training on the module as well. Contact us at 1(800) 599-9754 for further assistance.

Reporting Changes for PHN's

With the recent switchover from the local database to the central production Registry, there is a change in the reports you must send to the Wyoming Immunization Program. After you reconcile your vaccine inventory (by the second business day of the month), please fax only the Temperature Log to the WIP Vaccine Clerk, Lily Valdez. Lily is able to "pull" the Doses Administered and Vaccine Inventory Reports off of the WylR, so the faxed hard copy is no longer needed. Thanks for making the switch!

Updated Forms from PHN Offices Needed

Recently, a couple of emails were sent out to the County PHN Manager's offices asking for WylR forms to be returned in a timely fashion to the WylR staff. The latest email contained attachments in .pdf format of four basic forms to be downloaded and used in each PHN office: the WylR Confidentiality Agreement, the WylR Individual User Agreement, the WylR Parent Opt-Out Form, and the WylR Provider Enrollment Agreement. With the exception of the WylR Parent Opt-Out Form, all of the forms need to be completed to ensure HIPAA compliance. We appreciate your help with this request.

As far as the WylR Individual User Agreement, Randy DeBerry, MA, Registry Trainer offers the following details:

We have some important news for you regarding registry access levels. So far there have been two types of WylR access: "View" and "Full". Under the old system an individual with "View" access could only look up information while individuals with "Full" access could add and edit patient demographic information, vaccination information, physician/vaccinator information, and lot number information. Based on feedback we have received from you, we are updating and changing these categories. Under the new system there will be three access levels instead of just two. Under the new system, the following access types are available:

View – Individuals with "View" access are not able to add any information into WylR. They have basic access that allows them to search for, and pull up patients' vaccination records. Individuals with "View" access are also able to pull the various reports offered in WylR.

Client – Individuals with "Client" access have all the access rights of individuals with "View" access. However, they also have the additional ability to add new patients into WylR, as well as edit demographic information from previous patients. Furthermore, "Client" level individuals will also have the ability to add and edit vaccination dates and contraindications to patients' vaccination records in WylR.

Administrator – Individuals with "Administration" access have all the access rights of individuals with "Client" access. However, they also have the additional ability to add and edit lot number information, as well as Physician/Vaccination information. Furthermore, add individuals with "Administrator" access will be given rights to access the First Responder Module.



Updates from the Vaccine Office—by Christina Gargano & Joanna Briggs, RN

Transitioning to New Distributor-McKesson:

As you are all aware of we have been getting ready to transition to a new distributor. We have been trying to make this a smooth transition for all of the providers and PHN offices but I must say it has had a few bumps. Please understand that I am trying to stock all of your refrigerators with a three month supply of vaccine to ensure you do not run out of vaccine if the distributor or WyVIP has any unforeseen problems. Once this has been accomplished it will go back to a simply maintenance/replenishment program. Each office will replenish what they use each month and always maintain a TWO month supply in their refrigerators. Some vaccine is showing currently on backorder due to the large amounts of vaccine ALL of the providers and PHN's are ordering to fill the refrigerators throughout the state. This is not the normal backorder box. The depot will be stocked and in a few days to accommodate this and orders will be filled appropriately.

Thermometers:

During your last AV site review you might remember a deficit being identified on your review when all thermometers in units containing vaccine did not have certification standards met. Your letter stated "Thermometers that provide minimum and maximum temperatures are preferred because they are the best indicators of temperature fluctuations outside the recommended ranges. A certified, calibrated thermometer tested and certified by either NIST National Institute for Standards and Technology or ASTM International is required. Certified, calibrated thermometers are the most accurate method of measuring vaccine storage unit temperatures and should last a long time with little maintenance. A certificate indicating that the calibration has been certified needs to be maintained with your temperature logs. WyVIP is meeting this criterion by sending you the above recognized thermometers for unit that contain vaccine.

You will receive thermometers, Fischer Scientific (digital) and Temp-Chex (pipettes), for each refrigerator and each freezer that you file temperature logs on each month. Both types need used in a unit. Q. Do we record and send in both temperatures each month? A. No, only log one temperature. The unit you log is the same unit each time. Joanna prefers the Fischer Scientific digital as this is read on the outside of the refrigerator. The Temp-Chex will verify that the Fischer Scientific is operating correctly. The temperature variation should be no more than 1°– 2° degrees difference.

Additional thermometers are being sent out this week. Please call Christina if you have not received the necessary units by 3/15/07. Andrea Clement-Johnson was kind enough to send out instructions to help with the understanding of the new models. If anyone needs further assistance please call Andrea or Christina for assistance.

Vaccine Delays:

Shipping of vaccine takes 10 business days. Please remember that from the time the order is entered to the time that you receive the order this could be 10 business days. These 10 business days could include shipping delays from the distributor or delays here in the WyVIP office. Sometimes the vaccine will arrive quickly, but that does not change the 10 business day policy of the vaccine arrival.

Vaccine Expiration:

It has come to our attention that some vaccines are nearing expiration. In an attempt to avoid having this loss occur we have expanded the eligibility use for the following vaccines. Please see the insert for details on these vaccines and specific lot numbers. Thank you.

-MCV4

-Td

-MMRV

-HEP AB18

WIP Monthly Teleconference Notes

Notes from WIP Monthly Teleconference with Dr. Sherard: February 21, 2007

HPV UPDATE

HPV Vaccine update-Senator Scott has proposed a budget amendment for the next biennium for \$3 million to make sure we can give HPV to anyone that it is recommended for. There is quite a bit of interest in getting HPV funding. We are monitoring the budget on a monthly basis. We want everyone to get it. We are optimistic about incorporating HPV into universal support. We may need to make other modifications in this program if we do not have enough funding.

WyVIP will give HPV to all females 9-18 years old starting in April. We will be notifying all of the insurance companies sometime in mid-April. The next Newsletter will include the new vaccine available information sheet and information about increasing HPV Gardasil stock.

Rotavirus situation

Rotavirus vaccine's previous problem (1999) of increased intussusceptions (obstruction in bowels) has started being reported to VAERS again. According to VAERS, there have been no increased intussusceptions due to the administration of RotaTeq vaccine. Data hasn't shown that any cases are related to the administration of this vaccine. If there are any cases, please make reports to VAERS. Call 1-800-822-7967 to get the VAERS form or go to the website www.vaers.hhs.gov.

Questions and Answers Session

Q: Is the age recommendation for HPV up to 18 years, 11 months and 29 days?

A: Yes. Once they are 19 they are on their own.

Q: Is RotaTeq on backorder?

A: Some vaccines on backorder while we are transitioning to a new distributor. You should receive the remainder of your order by April. Right now you should have a two month supply in refrigerators.

Q: What do you recommend for the RotaTeq? Should we give the second dose?

A: Go ahead and complete the series. We'll work with you on any shortages. 2 weeks distributor shut down shipping because of severe weather conditions. Once out of 32 weeks they cannot complete series.

Q: If we use our private stock to supply vaccine on backorder can they up their order to compensate?

A: Yes. But in the future you will need to keep a 3 month supply of stock to assure that no shortages occur.

Q: Are Gardasil and Menactra on backorder?

A: They are on backorder until beginning of month. Including ProQuad.

Q: Is there any way of getting a better line of communications when there are problems with orders?

A: If you call we'll let you know about problems or we'll try to call you. If providers want to be on email communications let us know. We are also working on creating a BlastFax list for providers when instance like shipping delays occur.

Q: Have we made decisions in PHN Registry for Flu shot records for kids?

A: Information will be in the next newsletter. PHN hasn't made decisions on that yet.

Q: With RotaTeq being available, what is the sentiment amongst physicians and other providers? Are there any that just refuse to give the RotaTeq?

A: Administration of RotaTeq has proven effective in 74% of all cases. It does seem to be effective in sick kids. We will do research on which providers are not giving RotaTeq and their reasons why and get more educational information out to them. We'll also see about getting more educational information for them to give to parents about Rotavirus.



Hats Off!

By Lily Valdez

WyVIP congratulates the following providers for earning the **Bronze Recognition Letter** by submitting their **December reports** correctly by the second business day of December. I appreciate your hard work and efforts in helping make this incentive program become a huge success. You are all doing an awesome job!

ABC Pediatrics	Family Care Clinic, LLC	Medicine Bow Health Center	Star Valley Medical Center
Albany Co PHN	Family First, PC	Memorial Hospital of Carbon Co	Strong Tree Clinic
Alpine Family Medical Clinic	Family Medical Care	Memorial Hospital of Sheridan Co	Sublette Co PHN
Babson & Associates of Primary Care	Family Medical Center	Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater Co	Sweetwater Co Comm. Nursing Svcs – Green River
Banner Medical Clinic	Fisher, Carol A., MD	Moorcroft Clinic	Sweetwater Co Comm. Nursing Svcs – Rock Spgs
Bennett, Michele L., MD, PC	Fremont Co Pediatric Clinic	Myers, Harlen, MD	Sweetwater Pediatrics, PC
Big Horn Basin Children's Clinic	Fremont Co PHN – Riverton	North Big Horn Hospital Clinic	Teton Co PHN
Big Horn Clinic	Fremont Family Practice	Northeast Wyoming Pediatrics	Thayne Family Medical Clinic
Big Horn Co PHN – Greybull	Goodell, Thomas P., MD, PC	Oregon Trail Rural Health Clinic	The Family Clinic, LLC
Bridger Valley Family Practice	Goose Creek Pediatrics	Park Co PHN – Cody	Total Family Health, PC
Brown, Craig, MD	Goshen Co PHN	Pediatric and Adolescent Clinic, Inc	Uinta Co PHN – Evanston
Campbell Co Health Dept	Green, Richard D., MD	Platte Co Memorial Hospital	Uinta Co PHN – Lyman
Carbon Co PHN - Rawlins	Granum, Michael J., MD	Platte Co PHN	Uinta Family Practice
Carbon Co PHN – Saratoga	Health Care for the Homeless	Platte Valley Medical Clinic	Urgent Care Systems
Casper Natrona Co Health Dept	Hot Springs Co PHN	Pockat, Tom, MD	UW Student Health
Cedar Hills Family Clinic	Hunter Family Medical Clinic, PC	Quinn, Michael J., MD-FAAP	Wagon Circle Medical Clinic
Cheyenne Children's Clinic	Independent Family Practice – Afton	Red Rock Family Practice	Washakie Co PHN
Cheyenne Family Medicine	Iverson Memorial Hospital, Nursery	Richardson Family Health Center	Western Family Care
Cheyenne Health & Wellness Center	Jackson Pediatrics	Riverton Memorial Hospital	Western Medical Associates
Cody Clinic	Johnson Co PHN	Sheridan Co Comm. Health	Western Medical Associates, LLC
Community Health Center of Central Wyoming	Kurt Johnson MD, PC Family Med	Sheridan Family Practice PC	Weston Co PHN
Converse Co PHN	Laramie Clinic	South Lincoln Medical Center	Wind River Pediatrics
Converse Co PHN	Laramie Pediatrics	South Lincoln Medical Clinic	Women's Health Center
Crook Co PHN	Laramie Physicians for Women and Children	South Sheridan Medical Center	
Ellbogen, David A., MD	Lincoln Co PHN – Afton	St. John's Medical Center	
Emerg-A-Care	Lincoln Co PHN – Kemmerer	Star Valley Family Physicians	



Silver Rubber Glove Award!

WyVIP congratulates the following providers for earning the **Silver Rubber Glove Award** by submitting their monthly reports correctly and by the second business day for three consecutive months. These providers are now on target for the Gold Band-Aid Award.

Family Medical Care, Gillette
Memorial Hospital of Carbon Co
Oregon Trail Rural Health Clinic

GOLD BAND-AID AWARD!

WOW! Job Well Done, to the following providers who have earned the Gold Band – Aid Award. These providers have achieved this award by submitting their reports correct and by the second business day of the month for 6 consecutive months. Congratulations to:

Alpine Family Medical Clinic
Riverton Memorial Hospital
Western Medical Associates
Family Care Clinic, LLC
Laramie Clinic
Carbon Co PHN – Rawlins
Women's Health Center
Independent Family Practice – Afton



Platinum Vaccine Award!

Hats off to the following providers who have earned the Platinum Vaccine Award. These providers have achieved this award by submitting their reports correct and by the second business day of the month for 9 consecutive months. **Congratulations to:**

Banner Medical Clinic	Fremont Co PHN – Riverton	Laramie Physicians for Women and Children	Pockat, Tom, MD	The Family Clinic, LLC
Big Horn Clinic	Goose Creek Pediatrics	Lincoln Co PHN – Kemmerer	Quinn, Michael J., MD-FAAP	Urgent Care Systems
Cedar Hills Family Clinic	Hunter Family Medical Clinic, PC	Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater, Co	Richardson Family Health Center	Western Medical Associates, LLC
Cheyenne Children's Clinic	Jackson Pediatrics	Pediatric and Adolescent Clinic, Inc	Sweetwater Co Comm. Nursing Svcs – Green River	Weston Co PHN
Ellbogen, David A., MD	Kurt Johnson MD, PC Family	Platte Co PHN	Sweetwater Pediatrics, PC	

*** Due to supply shortage I will need to replace the lunch bag award and possibly some of the other incentive awards with a different item. I thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 307-777-8503.**

*** If you were unintentionally left off either list, please contact Lily Valdez to verify your status. If there is an error, WyVIP will be happy to recognize your healthcare facility in the following month's Jab & Gab. Thank you for your understanding.**